

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S890**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	DNA Samples		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill requires that a person arrested for an offense committed in this State provide a saliva or tissue sample from which DNA may be obtained for inclusion in the State DNA Database.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

State Law Enforcement Division (SLED)

According to SLED there are approximately 234,000 arrests annually. Of these, approximately 75,000 would meet the criteria in the Bill requiring a DNA sample. This impact statement does not consider any persons arrested more than once which may result in a duplication of samples, see Section 4(B). It is estimated there will be an annual cost to the General Fund of the State of \$3,074,100 due to expanding the DNA database. This cost would include nine (9.00) new positions totaling \$426,600; sample kits at \$262,500 and outsourcing of 53,000 samples at \$45 each totaling \$2,385,000. There would also be one-time costs of \$600,000 for renovation of the forensic building and \$600,000 for retooling of lab equipment. Total first year costs can be estimated at \$4,274,100.

Department of Corrections

This Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

Department of Probation, Pardon & Parole Services

This Bill will have a fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State of approximately \$41,975 annually for one additional position and other operating expenses. The estimate includes operational and programming cost to update the agency's Offender Information System and the Collections Accounting System to include the new DNA processing fee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Three of four local governments contacted concerning this Bill indicated it would have little or no impact on expenditures. One county indicated enactment may result in the need for additional staff which would result in costs of no more than \$25,000 annually.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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